GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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NEW LINE BETWEEN ABOHAR-FAZILKA
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether survey for laying new rail line between Abohar and Fazilka in Punjab has been completed;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof; and

(c) the time by which the laying work is likely to be started and completed?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) to (c) : The Preliminary Engineering -Cum -Traffic Survey for new broad gauge rail line fromAbohar to Fazilka (42.717 km.) was completed in December, 1997. As per the survey report, the cost of the project has been assessed as Rs.73.15 crore with a rate of return as (-) 7.44%. The project was included in the budget 1997-98 with the proviso that the work would be taken up after obtaining requisite clearances, which have since been obtained in September` 2001. The final location survey has been completed and land acquisition is in process. No target date has been fixed for completion of this project.